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DATE: 29 JULY 1974

SUBJECT: ICELAND--BASE ISSUE

IN A DISCUSSION WITH US AMBASSADOR IRVING LAST WEEK, ICELANDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER GISLASON SAID THAT HIS PARTY INTENDS TO DEMAND MAJOR CONCESSIONS FROM THE PROGRESSIVES AND THE COMMUNISTS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE KEFLAVIK BASE AS THE PRICE FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN A LEFTIST COALITION. GISLASON SAID HE HAS ALREADY PRESENTED PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADER OLAFUR JOHANNESSON WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

--WITHDRAWING THE BASE PROPOSALS MADE BY ICELAND IN APRIL WHICH CALLED FOR THE PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US TROOPS BY 1976.

--DRAFTING A FRESH SET OF PROPOSALS BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE FORMATION OF A COALITION IS STILL UNDECIDED, THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS A THREE PARTY COALITION LED BY THE

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PROGRESSIVE PARTY AND INCLUDING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE COMMUNISTS. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE STRONG PRO-BASE POLICY OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE A MODERATING INFLUENCE ON THE OTHER TWO PARTIES REGARDING THE KEFLAVIK BASE.

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